

**Administration on Aging  
and  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

**Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program**

**Organization Name:** New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Care Department

**Project Title:** Aging and Disability Resource Center

**Total Project Period:** 7/1/2004 – 6/30/2007

**Total Award Amount:** \$798,900

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**Project's Overall Design:**

New Mexico will realize the vision of the Resource Center by establishing the core capacity of information and assistance services statewide and phasing in a seamless public interface through community-based Resource Centers. New Mexico will develop a detailed provider database, strengthen the information and assistance capacity of 50 local sites across the state, standardize the needs assessment process, standardize and coordinate the eligibility determination process, and phase-in comprehensive Resource Centers to serve older people and individuals with physical disabilities across the state. The Interagency Long Term Care Committee, in its capacity as project advisory committee, will set criteria for the selection of one or more Resource Center pilot sites. A consultant will be utilized to conduct a project evaluation based on project goals and objectives and the advisory committee will use the results to make recommendations for operational and process modifications.

**Target Population:**

- Year One – Persons 60 and older
- Year Two & Three – Persons 60 and older and individuals with physical disabilities

**Anticipated Outcomes:**

- Provide seniors statewide with information, counseling and assistance on public and private long-term care services.
- Develop, enhance, and expand Resource Centers to improve public awareness, information availability and assistance, and access to long-term care services, case management and other related functions to promote personal choice, independence and cost-effective use of available services.

- Build system to enhance availability, assistance and access to long-term care services to promote personal choice and independence of older people and adults with physical disabilities and to support their caregivers.

**Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:**

- Advisory Committee: The New Mexico Interagency Long-Term Care Committee will serve as the advisory committee chaired by the Secretary of the Aging and Long Term Care Department with two state legislators serving as vice-chairs. Committee membership consists of state agencies and will be expanded to include additional government entities, consumers, advocates, providers and others.
- Partners: Interagency Long Term Care Committee and selected pilot communities